

Remarks

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

By the present amendment the drawings are amended as follows:

Fig. 1: reference numeral 13a is added.

Fig. 2: reference numeral 37 is changed to 38.

Fig. 4: The reference numeral 28 that was indicating the protrusion of the tubular flange 26 has been changed to reference numeral 39.

Also by the present amendment, Specification is amended to provide clear/correct reference numerals for the references numerals used within the drawings.

Still further claims 1 and 7-11 are amended. The amendments adopt the Examiner's suggestions, provide for improved clarity and clarify the difference from the cited prior art.

Turning to the cited document EP 0 879 553 ('553), the disclosed structure does not provide for locking operation of a cutting unit and the cutting movement of the cutting elements when the cutting unit) is in at least one position. Accordingly, the rejections based upon '553 cannot satisfy the limitation of "for locking operation of the cutting unit (13) and the cutting movement of the cutting elements (13a) when the cutting unit (13) is in at least one of said positions". Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

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If there are any fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. ABE1-41355.

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